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Ambassador Yehuda Lancry to Speak at Men's Club Shabbat Service

Ambassador Yehuda Lancry, the 12th Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations, will be the guest speaker for the Men's Club at the organization's annual Shabbat service at **6 p.m. on Friday evening, March 8th.**

Ambassador Lancry had previously served as Ambassador to France, from 1992 to 1995. Upon his return to Israel, he was elected to and became a member of the 14th Parliament, from 1996 until 1999. Prior to his appointment to Paris, he served as Head of Public Council of

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The Park Avenue Synagogue September 11 Emergency Fund

As part of our response to the September 11th tragedy, the Officers and Trustees of the Park Avenue Synagogue established an Emergency Fund to help the families of the victims and to which many of our congregants contributed. Over $100,000 was collected and distributed to the following:

New York City Fire Safety Foundation

New York City Police Foundation

Jewish Board of Family & Children's Services

Federation Employment Guidance Services

SEEDCO Non-profit Assistance

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Vivian Finkel To Retire After 50 Years at the Park Avenue Synagogue

If being a Park Avenue Synagogue Simhat Torah Honoree is like receiving an Academy Award for "doing shul and/or other Jewish work or deeds," then Vivian Finkel, Park Avenue Synagogue's master teacher, will be receiving the Park Avenue Synagogue "Lifetime Achievement Award" for her 50 years of commitment and dedication to teaching the basic elements of Hebrew and Judaic studies to students of all ages. How many people do you know who have given so many years of themselves, and with so much joy, to anything? Mrs. Finkel's life's work will be celebrated at a gala dinner dance to be held in her honor on **Sunday evening, April 14, 2002.** Save the date! We hope to see you there!

Vivian Finkel

So here's her story! In 1952, Vivian decided it was time to return to one of the main passions in her life, teaching Judaic studies. A graduate of Herzaliah Teachers Seminary, where she received a B.A. degree in Hebrew literature, she continued her Judaic studies at The Jewish Theological Seminary and was invited to participate in the experimental Melton Bible Study Program, a then new approach to Judaic studies which emphasized how the Bible relates to us today.

Years later, as one of the founders of the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE), an organization of educators seeking to make Jewish studies more relevant to young people, she has participated in all of the organization's annual conventions. Last year, she was honored as one of only two people who had attended and led sessions in all 25 conferences.

In 1977, she was given the title master teacher when she was named an "outstanding teacher of Judaic studies" in afternoon religious schools in N.Y., N.J. and Ct. This award recognized her special talent for creating innovative approaches, one of which was the first program to permit adults to celebrate their Bar or Bat Mitzvah, as well as Hebrew classes for students with special needs. Vivian presented the former idea to Rabbi Nadich and the late Cantor Putterman. With their support and the enthusiastic participation of 41 women and one man, the first Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class made its debut and became a part of our synagogue's history. These women and one man chanted the Haftarah, read from the Torah and conducted various other parts of the service. Ms. Magazine, inspired by this "first" for Jewish women, featured it in one of their issues. Moreover, on a personal level, it was especially meaningful to Vivian, a woman who had previously been denied participation in Jewish ritual celebrations. Since 1974, Park Avenue Synagogue has had five other Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations, and has had requests from synagogues all over the country for help with organizing

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Rabbinic Ruminations

Self-discipline is one of the hardest qualities to master. I still haven't read Gibbon's *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, which I vowed to read between my sophomore and junior years of college. Had it been assigned as a course requirement, I know the outcome would have been very different.

The same applies to exercise, diet, music lessons, etc. If any voluntary undertaking is done together with someone else (or with someone to report to at a scheduled time, like a dietician or a music teacher), there is a greater sense of obligation and compliance. That is one of

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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES for MARCH, 2002

Friday evening, March 1 .....6:15 p.m.
***Rinah U'Tefilah:* Song and Prayer Shabbat Service**
Daled Grade Shabbat Dinner
Saturday morning, March 2 .....9:15 a.m.
Hashkama Service .....7:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Adam Gabriel Muchnick
son of Susan J. Schwartz and Howard W. Muchnick
Saturday afternoon, March 2 .....6:00 p.m.
Friday evening, March 8 .....6:00 p.m.
Annual Men's Club Shabbat Service
& Congregational Shabbat Dinner
(by advance reservation only)
Saturday morning, March 9 .....9:15 a.m.
Hashkama Service .....7:30 a.m.
Havurah Service .....9:30 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Paige Klein
daughter of Jamie and Howard Klein
Bat Mitzvah of Kate Margaret Lehrhaupt
daughter of Sharon and Wayne Lehrhaupt
Saturday afternoon, March 9 .....6:00 p.m.
Friday evening, March 15 .....6:15 p.m.
Children's March Birthday Celebration
Saturday morning, March 16 .....9:15 a.m.
Hashkama Service .....7:30 a.m.
Havurah Service .....9:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Eric Aschheim
Bat Mitzvah of Sara Rebecca Aschheim
son and daughter of Susan and Dr. Kenneth Aschheim
Saturday afternoon, March 16 .....6:00 p.m.
Friday evening, March 22 .....6:15 p.m.
Saturday morning, March 23 .....9:15 a.m.
Hashkama Service .....7:30 a.m.
Annual Seminary Shabbat
Saturday afternoon, March 23 .....6:00 p.m.
PASSOVER SERVICES
Siyum for the First Born
Wednesday morning, March 27 .....7:15 a.m.
Erev Pesach – First Seder
Wednesday evening, March 27 .....6:00 p.m.
First Congregational Seder begins at 6:30 p.m.
(By Advance Reservation Only)
First Day of Passover - Second Seder
Thursday morning, March 28 .....9:15 a.m.
Hashkama Service .....7:30 a.m.
Thursday evening, March 28 .....7:00 p.m.
Second Congregational Seder begins at 7:30 p.m.
(By Advance Reservation Only)
Second Day of Passover
Friday morning, March 29 .....9:15 a.m.
Hashkama Service .....7:30 a.m.
Friday evening, March 29 .....6:15 p.m.
Saturday morning, March 30 .....9:15 a.m.
Hashkama Service .....7:30 a.m.
Annual Food Pantry Shabbat
Saturday afternoon, March 30 .....6:00 p.m.

Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern and Rabbi Paulette R. Gross will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Baby sitting for children 2 to 5 years of age is available every Saturday morning from 9:15 a.m. to 12 noon.

March B'nai and B'not Mitzvah

Adam Gabriel Muchnick, March 2, 2002

Adam Muchnick had his Brit Milah at Park Avenue Synagogue and has been attending ever since. He began his education in the Early Childhood Center, continued in the Nitzanim Program and then through its Congregational School, where he is now in the Zayin class. He intends to continue his studies in the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School next year.

Adam is in the seventh grade at the Riverdale Country School, where he especially enjoys math, playing the trumpet, and free-period football and basketball games. His favorite out-of-school activities include beating his father at chess, memorizing action movies (especially if Bruce Willis is in them) and traveling with his family. His favorite trip was to Israel.

He has enjoyed summers at Camp Ramah since he was five, first at Nyack and then in the Berkshires. He will donate part of his Bar Mitzvah gifts to the new Camp Ramah in the Ukraine.

He thanks his family, friends and the Park Avenue Synagogue professional staff for their love, support and help in preparing him for his special day.

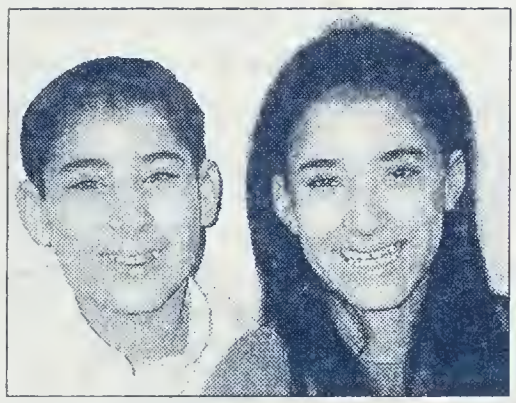
Amanda Paige Klein, March 9, 2002

Amanda Klein began her education at the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center at age three. She continued at The Dalton School, where she is currently a seventh grader. Her favorite subjects are math and English. She is a dedicated member of the school's Community Service Committee.

Amanda enjoys ice-skating at The Walton Rink and has won medals in figure skating competitions. She also loves singing, dancing and all types of art, as well as playing softball and tennis.

She spends her summers at Point 'O Pines Camp for Girls in Brant Lake, N.Y., where she enjoys all sports, especially water-skiing.

Amanda would like to express her heartfelt appreciation to the clergy, teachers and staff of Park Avenue Synagogue for her meaningful religious education and for their preparing her for this most special day. She looks forward to continuing her studies in the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School.



Joshua Eric Aschheim and Sara Rebecca Aschheim, March 16, 2002

Sara and Josh Aschheim began their Park Avenue Synagogue education three years ago when they transferred from the Park East Synagogue Hebrew School. Sara is a seventh grader at The Nightingale-Bamford School, where she participates in many activates. She is an avid skier and swimmer and has competed on her school's swim team. Sara also enjoys running, bike riding and reading.

Josh attended The Allen-Stevenson School through the sixth grade and then transferred to The Horace Mann School. He has been playing the flute since the second grade and especially likes math, science and computers. Josh is an avid skier, camper and loves to bike ride and hike.

Both Sara and Josh spend their summers at Camp Towanda in Honesdale, Pennsylvania. They enjoy camp and also love to travel. They have been to Israel twice and are very close with their cousins who live there.

Sara and Josh are happy to share their special occasion with the Park Avenue Synagogue community and with their family and friends.

Save the Date

Monday Evening, June 3, 2002

Jewish Theological Seminary Dinner in honor of Barrie Modlin

Events chairpersons: Alan Levine & Marcia Eppler Colvin
Gifts Chairman: Martin Halbfinger

Ambassador Lancry

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Israel Television's Channel Two and radio. He also served two terms as Mayor of Shlomi.

Yehuda Lancry obtained both his master's and doctorate degrees in French literature from Nice University.

Before entering the political arena, Dr. Lancry headed the Documentary and Film Publications Department of Raphael (Authority for Defense Technology).

Yehuda Lancry was born in Bujad, Morocco. His family immigrated to Nahariya, Israel. He served in the Israel Defense Forces and was an airplane mechanic in the Israel Air Force.

This Shabbat service will be followed by a **Congregational Shabbat Dinner** (*by advance reservation only*). **Please make your reservations immediately!**

Sept. 11 Emergency Fund

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Corporation
Safe Horizon
Union Hotel Employees Lend a Hand Program
The Children's Aid Society
Our local Fire House
Our local Police Precinct

Our *Tikkun Olam* Committee, headed by Dr. Katherina Grunfeld, Sally Goodgold and Evelyn Gelman, spent many hours researching these charities and organizations.

Many of our congregants gave to various charities directly. We want to thank everyone who participated in this humanitarian effort.

The Congregational School and High School Partner with UJA-Federation

The Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School and the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School are partnering with UJA-Federation of New York in a new *tzedakah* (charity) and *hesed* (acts of lovingkindness) initiative. The schools will be working with the Hands On Program of UJA-Federation's Volunteer and Leadership Development Division to promote *tzedakah* and *gemilut hasadim* in all our classes. Our Family Education Department will also be involved. UJA-Federation will connect us with a variety of agencies serving the New York community. Our students will learn about and perform the *mitzvot of tzedakah and hesed*, gain critical insight into how our community works and how social service agencies serve their clients. They will learn about what we can do for our Jewish neighbors as well as others in our city and region and about different Jewish communities around the world in need of help. This educational component will be conveyed by both our faculty and UJA-Federation program associates.

We will begin our partnership this spring semester with a *mishloach manot* project at the Purim Carnival on February 24th. Carnival-goers will make gift baskets to be donated to clients of an UJA-Federation beneficiary agency. One or more Hands On Program associates will be with us that day to meet our congregants and tell them about Hands On and the people who will receive the baskets.

A second project will be a pre-Pesach *chametz* drive. UJA-Federation staff will prepare our students for the project, enabling our Daled and Zayin students to lead the project for the entire school. Please look for forthcoming information about this and contribute to our effort!

Thank You From the Parents' Association

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers, the Parents' Association had two fabulous events in December, its annual Jewish Family Book Fair and the Flea Market, both of which were outstanding.

The Book Fair was one of our best ever! Once again, our vendor was Judaic Treasures, which has a store on West 72nd St., between Broadway and West End Avenue. It supplied us with exciting new book titles, beautiful gift items, and lots of fun items for the children. A big hit with the little ones were the pre-made cookies they could decorate themselves.

The Nursery School's involvement continues to make the Book Fair very special. It provided food for all the shoppers and workers. No one went hungry. This year, the Nursery School set up an arts and crafts corner at which the children created their own Chanukah cards. A special thank you to the Nursery School volunteers: Carrie Goldberg, Stacy Wolfe and Leslie Salmon.

A special thank you to Nathan Siegal and Mason Haupt who came on Thursday evening to help breakdown and pack up the Book Fair.

This year's raffle winners were: Knicks tickets, donated by Diane and Craig Solomon, won by Steve Bunson; Tower of Treats, won by Matthew Stadler; Chanukah serving platter, won by Emily Grad; autographed photo of David Cone, donated by Roslyn Lederman, won by Beth Rosenthal; four tickets to a lecture at the 92nd Street Y, won by Amy Nagler.

The Mitzvah Day Flea Market benefited from everyone's generosity. It received many wonderful donations. The clothes and household items that were donated were packed up for either distribution or sold. The money that was raised went into a fund that helps Jewish Russian immigrant children go to summer camp. There were many dedicated volunteers that made the Flea Market a success. The Parents' Association would like to thank: Madelyn Adamson, Helene Agress, Muriel Bessinger, Anita Deen, Harriet Feiwel, Ellen Harrow and Susan Wasserman. We would also like to thank the teenagers in our congregation who volunteered their time and energy: David and Jeremy Behmoaras, Ava Feuer, Dan Harrow and Jonathan Stone.

Thank you to all who participated in these two events,

—Marlene Muskin

Meaningful Summer Opportunity For Senior Year or Recent College Graduates

The **Auschwitz Jewish Center** in Auschwitz, Poland is now accepting applications for two or three **scholarships** in its **eight-week Student Summer 2002 Internship Program**. For information about the requirements for this scholarship and the application procedure, which must be completed by Friday, April 12th, please contact Nadine Greenfied or Renata Nowak-Garmer at 575-1050 or at ajcf@ajcf.org. at the Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation, 36 West 44th Street, Suite 310, NY, NY 10036.

With Pride and Congratulations

Park Avenue Synagogue extends a hearty Mazal Tov to

Herb and Harriet Feiwel, upon the birth of their granddaughter, Rae Sophia Feiwel.

Andrew Fier, who has been appointed the first executive director of Plaza Jewish Community Chapel, the first community-owned Jewish Funeral Home established as a service to the Jewish community.

Barbara and David B. Julie, upon the marriage of their son, Richard, to Staci Levin.

Harry Krieger, upon the birth of his fourth great grandchild, Yosef Yitzchak Kuptchik.

Cantor David and Joan Lefkowitz, upon the marriage of their daughter, Aviya, to Perry Michael Landesberg.

Mrs. Anne W. Rosberger, upon the birth of her granddaughter, Jessica Tshering Rosberger.

Rinah U'Tefilah: Song and Prayer Shabbat Services

Please note that the remaining three ***Rinah U'Tefilah*** **Shabbat Services** for this year will take place on:

Friday, March 1st
Friday, April 19th and
Friday, May 3rd (please note this change of date).

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An intimate and nurturing environment, supervised by a certified staff.

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JUNE 17 - AUGUST 2

Weekly programs to a maximum of 7 weeks

TWO PROGRAM SESSIONS:

9 A.M.— 1 P.M. for ages 3.0— 4.0 years

9 A.M.— 3 P.M. for ages 4.0— 6.0 years

Application forms may be obtained by calling Karen Hatem at (212) 360-0153

Notes From the Edmond de Rothschild Library

Book of the Month: The *Popes Against the Jews*, by David I. Kertzer.

A groundbreaking historical study based on documents previously locked in the Vatican's secret archives, *The Popes Against the Jews* graphically shows how the Catholic Church helped make the Holocaust possible.

Pope John Paul II, as part of his effort to improve Catholic-Jewish relations, has, himself, called for a clear-eyed historical investigation into any possible link between the Church and the Holocaust. An important sign of his commitment was the recent decision to allow the distinguished historian David I. Kertzer, a specialist in Italian history, to be one of the first scholars given access to long-sealed Vatican archives.

The result is a book filled with shocking revelations. It traces the Vatican's role in the development of modern anti-Semitism from the 19th century up to the outbreak of WWII. Kertzer shows why all the recent attention given to Pope Pius XII's failure to publicly protest the slaughter of Europe's Jews in WWII misses a far more important point. What made the Holocaust possible was groundwork laid over a period of decades. In this campaign of demonization of the Jews-identifying them as traitors to their countries, enemies of all that was good, relentlessly pursuing world domination-the Vatican, itself, played a key role, as is shown for the first time.

Despite its focus, this is not an anti-Catholic book. It seeks a balanced judgment and an understanding of the historical forces that led the Church along the path it took.

Inevitably controversial, written with devastating clarity and dispassionate authority, this is a book of great importance.

(Source: Internet Consortium Book of the Month)

New videos:

The library together with the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School purchased six new videos:

- Gentleman's Agreement
- Into the Arms of Strangers (stories of the kindertransport)
- Kadosh
- Keeping the Faith
- New York Stories
- One Day in September.

They can be checked out for home viewing.

The library will be closed for Passover during the following dates: March 22nd through April 7th.

Best wishes for a Happy Passover,

—Ilana Abend-David, Librarian

Men's Club Shmura Matzos & Kosher Wine Sales for Passover

The cost of the matzos will be $18.00 for a 1-lb. box and the cost of the wine will depend on the types ordered. You will receive your order forms in the mail. To place your orders, please send the forms back to the synagogue **by March 20th.** Call Fred Mirsky at 371-9393 with any questions. Please be aware that the matzo quantities will be limited. Orders will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. **Happy Passover from the Men's Club.**

Vivian Finkel *(continued from page 1)*

similar ritual programs.

Over the past 50 years, Mrs. Finkel has worked with seven Hebrew school principals at the Park Avenue Synagogue and shared that position for one year. In addition, she was active on the Board of Jewish Education and has given many model lessons to teachers throughout the Metropolitan area. Her original Hebrew stories for children have been published in a text for teachers, and for the last several years, she has been involved in Jewish storytelling as part of the school curriculum.

In the wider Jewish community, Vivian has served as education chairman for her chapter of Hadassah, and has been active in the Zionist Organization of America and B'nai Brith.

Now, for the love story and beyond! Vivian married Milton Finkel, a pharmacist, while she was a junior in college, and worked with him in his pharmacy for several years. During those years, her daughters Jacqui and Liora were born. Jacqui is a specialist in the education of the deaf and is married to Stephen Rose, president of his law firm in N.J. Liora is a social activist and environmental educator who works in Ecuador. Vivian and Milton have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Aside from her dedication to and talent for teaching, her main hobbies are folk dancing, travel and just having fun!

So watch for your invitation in the mail and plan to join this celebration of one woman's life and special talents, which have touched, and no doubt influenced, several generations of Park Avenue Synagogue students. *L'chaim* to a life lived with the love and joy of imparting all things Jewish!

Passover Hametz Collection

Bring your boxes and cans of unopened, nonperishable Hametz (foods not Kosher for Passover) to the synagogue on **Tuesday, March 19th through Monday morning, March 25th.** Collection containers will be placed throughout the building. All goods will be donated to **The Yorkville Common Pantry,** a local agency that serves the needy in our community.

In Celebration of Passover

Funds For Ma'ot Hittin

It is an ancient tradition among our people to help our less fortunate fellow Jews celebrate Passover by contributing funds for Ma'ot Hittin, literally "money for wheat," the wheat used to make matzah.

If you wish to do so, please send your contribution to the Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund and designate it for the Passover Fund.

Selling Hametz

Members of the congregation who wish to "sell their hametz" through the offices of Rabbi Lincoln may do so by calling his secretary during business hours at 369-2600. Offerings may be made to the Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund.

The Food Pantry suggests that when you physically rid your home of hametz, you donate the food to the Yorkville Common Pantry for distribution to the hungry poor in our neighborhood. You will be performing a double mitzvah by bringing your hametz to the synagogue between March 19th through 25th for this purpose.

Project Ezra

Our high school students will be assisting Project Ezra deliver Kosher for Passover food packages to the elderly members of Project Ezra on Sunday, March 24th from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Volunteer adults with cars are needed to drive the high school students around the Lower East Side. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Misha Avramoff at Project Ezra at 982-4124 between 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.

Project Dorot

We are invited to assist Project Dorot reach out to elderly poor living on the Upper West Side by delivering Passover packages to them.

There are several things we can do to help. We can purchase and/or collect Kosher for Passover foods and deliver them to the offices of Project Dorot. We can volunteer to help deliver Passover packages to elderly persons. For more information or to volunteer, please call Project Dorot at 769-2850.

Service For The Firstborn

On Wednesday morning, March 27th at the 7:15 a.m. service, the rabbis will conduct a *Siyum* for the firstborn.

Congregational Sedarim

Traditional seders will take place at the synagogue on the first and second nights of Passover, Wednesday and Thursday, March 27th & March 28th following the evening services at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m., respectively. The first seder will be conducted by Rabbi Paulette R. Gross and Cantor David Lefkowitz, together with the Synagogue Choir and Neil Robinson. The second seder will be conducted by Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern..

Passover Dietary Laws

Prohibited Foods

Prohibited Foods include: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffee with cereal derivatives in them, wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye, and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. In addition, most Ashkenazic authorities have added the following foods to the above list: rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans, peas, peanuts; but string beans are permitted). Some Ashkenazic authorities permit, while others forbid the use of legumes in a form other than its natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, soy oil, peanut oil. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all of the above. Consult Rabbi Lincoln for guidance in the use of these products.

Permitted Foods

A. The following foods require no kosher lePesah label if purchased prior to Pesah: unopened packages or containers of natural coffee (without cereal additives), sugar, pure tea, salt, pepper, natural spices, fruit juices with no additives (frozen, canned, or bottled), frozen (uncooked) vegetables (for legumes, see above), milk, butter, cottage cheese, cream cheese, tuna in water (no oil added), frozen (uncooked) fruit (with no additives), baking soda.

B. The following foods require no kosher lePesah label if purchased either before or during Pesah: fresh fruits and vegetables (except for legumes above), eggs, fresh fish and fresh meat.

C. The following foods require a kosher lePesah label if purchased either before or during Pesah: All baked products (matzoh, cakes, matzoh flour, farfel, matzoh meal, and any products containing matzoh), wine, vinegar, liquor, oils, dried fruits, candy, chocolate flavored milk, ice cream, yogurt, and soda.

D. The following foods require a kosher lePesah label if purchased during Pesah: Processed foods (canned, frozen, or bottled): milk, butter, juices, vegetables, fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea, and fish, as well as all foods listed in category C.

Detergents: If permitted during the year, powdered and liquid detergents do not require a kosher lePesah label.

Medicine: Since hametz binders are used in many pills, the following guides should be followed: If the medicine is required for life sustaining therapy, it may be used during Pesah. If it is not for life sustaining therapy, some authorities permit, while others prohibit. Consult Rabbi Lincoln. In all cases, capsules are preferable.

Kashering of Utensils

The process of kashering utensils depends on how the utensils are used. According to halakhah, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil. Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kashered by boiling, those used in broiling are kashering by fire and heat and those used only for cold food are kashered by rinsing.

A. Earthenware (china, pottery, etc.) may not be kashered. But fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

B. Metal (wholly made of metal) used in fire (spit, broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking and eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots have water boiled in them which will overflow the rim. The utensils should not be

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Kol Nidre Appeal 2001/5762

The Officers and Trustees of the Park Avenue Synagogue thank their fellow congregants for their generous response to the Kol Nidre Appeal. Thank you:

Mr. & Mrs. David Bernard
Mr. & Mrs. Morton Davis
Mr. & Mrs. Irving Friedman
Mr. & Mrs. Henry J. Glanternik
Mrs. Leon Hess
Ms. Roselee Mendelson Levine
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Mr. Walter & Dr. Sara Squire
Mr. & Mrs. Adam Usdan
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R. Volk
Mr. & Mrs. Rafael Zaklad

(Donations from December 4, 2001 through February 1, 2002)

Laurie Berkner Concert for Children 1-8 Years to Benefit the Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan

Sunday, March 17, 2002
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
at Park Avenue Synagogue

Tickets in Advance:	Tickets at Door:
$14 adults	$16 adults
$12 children	$14 children

For advance tickets, send a check payable to "Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan" to Grace Goldstein, 1725 York Ave., #9B, NY, NY 10128, and include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

WEG Open Program Meeting Monday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m.

The Women's Evening Group will present a timely and informative program on the topic "Israel in Conflict: Sharon and Arafat-What's Next?", with a speaker from the Israeli Consulate.

Refreshments will be served.

Rabbinic Ruminations

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the major principles underlying the traditional Jewish concept of study in/with a ***Chavruta***, a colleague-partner. (The other principle is two-or more-heads are better than one!)

Arranging times to meet with a ***Chavruta*** wasn't always easy even when I was a student, when my primary responsibility was to study and be prepared for class. Needless to say, it's much more difficult for me now. Time has become a much prized commodity-especially time to read and study; there just isn't enough of it to go around. I know that I am not alone.

That is what makes the United Synagogue's home study program so wonderful. They not only will provide you with a schedule to adhere to, but they will also send you (via the Postal Service or e-mail) a daily study guide and background material. In effect, United Synagogue will become your ***Chavruta***!

Beginning on April 19, two courses of study will be offered: **Perek Yomi**-the daily study of a chapter of the Bible and **Mishnah Yomit**-the daily study of a paragraph or two from the Mishnah, the cornerstone of Jewish Law for nearly 2000 years.

There is no fee for this program.

For those of you who have access to the Internet, you can also avail yourself of the online discussion group with other participants and the course directors. To register, either call my office for an application form, or visit the website for both courses at *www.mishnahyomit.org*. It's a wonderful way to study in a disciplined fashion and at your own convenience, while still maintaining a connection to others who share your commitment to our tradition.

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used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered.

C. Oven and Ranges: Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then, oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for a half hour. If there is a broil setting, use it. Self-cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned and then put through the self-cleaning cycle. Continuous cleaning ovens must be kashered in the same manner as regular ovens. Microwave ovens, which do not cook the food by means of heat, should be cleaned and then a cup of water should he placed in it. Then the oven should be turned on until the water disappears. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered.

D. Glassware: Authorities disagree as to the method for kashering drinking utensils. One opinion requires soaking in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours, while the other opinion requires only a thorough scrubbing before Pesah or putting it through a dishwasher.

E. Dishwasher: After not using the machine for a period of 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run.

F. Electrical Appliances: If the parts that come into contact with hametz are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rules for metal utensils). If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be kashered. (All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned.)

G. Tables, closets. and counters: If used with hametz, they should he thoroughly cleaned and covered, and then they may be used.

H. Kitchen sink: A metal sink can be kashered by a thorough cleaning, and by pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be clean and a sink rack used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

I. Hametz and non-Passover utensils: Non-Passover dishes, pots and hametz whose ownership has been transferred, should he separated, locked up or covered, and marked so as to prevent accidental use.

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The group will meet at **7:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, March 7th.**

For additional information about this group, please call Rabbi Kenneth Stern at 369-2600.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS for MARCH 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY **New Schedule of Hours:** Mondays 3:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Tuesdays 10:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. Wednesdays 3:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Thursdays 3:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Sundays 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.			**REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM** Monday - Friday at 7:15 A.M. Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 A.M. Sunday - Thursday at 5:45 P.M Saturday afternoons (See time listings)		**1** 6:15 p.m **Rinah U'tefilah: Song and Prayer Shabbat Service** Daled Grade Shabbat Dinner Light Candles 5:29 p.m.	**2** 7:30 a.m. - Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. - Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Adam Gabriel Muchnick 10-11 a.m. - Junior Congregation 10:30-11:30 a.m.- Nitzanim Service 6 p.m. - Afternoon Service
3 10 a.m. Men's Club's Annual Tennis Party	**4** 7:30 p.m. WEG Board Meeting	**5** 8 a.m. Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 11 a.m. Tuesday Topics With Rabbi Kenneth Stern 1 p.m. Retirees Group 7 p.m. Introduction to Judaism With Rabbi Paulette Gross	**6**	**7** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch 'n' Learn Session With Cantor Nancy Abramson 7:30 p.m. Park Avenue Synagogue Bereavement Group	**8** 6:00 p.m. **Men's Club Shabbat Service With Guest Speaker Ambassador Yeduda Lancry** Light Candles 5:37 p.m.	**9** 7:30 a.m. - Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. - Shabbat Service 9:30 a.m. - Havurah Service Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Paige Klein Bat Mitzvah of Kate Margaret Lehrhaupt 9:30-11:30 a.m. - Family Shabbat 10:30-11:30 a.m. - Nitzanim Service 11:15 a.m.-12 noon - Tot Shabbat 6 p.m. - Afternoon Service
10	**11**	**12** 8 a.m. Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 11 a.m. Tuesday Topics With Rabbi Kenneth Stern 12 noon Sisterhood Board Meeting 1 p.m. Retirees Group 7 p.m. Introduction to Judaism With Rabbi Paulette Gross 7:30 p.m. Men's Club Board Meeting	**13** 7 p.m. School Board Meeting	**14** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 'n' Learn Session With Cantor Nancy Abramson 6 p.m. Family Education Board Meeting	**15** 6:15 p.m. Friday Night Service **Children's March Birthday Celebration** Light Candles 5:45 p.m.	**16** 7:30 a.m. - Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. - Shabbat Service 9:30 a.m. - Havurah Service Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Eric Aschheim Bat Mitzvah of Sara Rebecca Aschheim 10-11 a.m. - Junior Congregation 10:30-11:30 a.m.- Nitzanim Service 11:15 a.m. - 12 noon - Tot Shabbat 6 p.m. - Afternoon Service
17	**18** 7:30 p.m WEG Program Meeting	**19** 8 a.m. Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 11 a.m. Tuesday Topics With Rabbi Kenneth Stern 1 p.m. Retirees Group 7 p.m. Introduction to Judaism With Rabbi Paulette Gross 8 p.m. Jewish Book Discussion Group	**20**	**21** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 'n' Learn Session With Cantor Nancy Abramson	**22** 6:15 p.m. Friday Night Service Light Candles 5:52 p.m.	**23** 7:30 a.m. Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service **Annual Seminary Shabbat** 6 p.m. Afternoon Service
24 **31**	**25**	**26** 8 a.m. Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 11 a.m. Tuesday Topics With Rabbi Kenneth Stern 1 p.m. Retirees Group 7 p.m. Introduction to Judaism With Rabbi Paulette Gross	**27** 7:15 a.m. Siyum for the First Born **Erev Pesach - First Seder** 6 p.m. Service First Congregational Seder at 6:30 p.m. Light Candles 5:57 p.m.	**28** **First Day of Passover Second Seder** 7:30 a.m. Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. Service 7:00 p.m. Service Second Congregational Seder at 7:30 p.m. Light Candles 6:57 p.m.	**29** **Second Day of Passover** 7:30 a.m. Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. Service 6:15 p.m. Friday Night Service Light Candles 6:00 p.m.	**30** 7:30 a.m. Hashkama Service 9:15 a.m. Shabbat Service 10-11 a.m. Junior Congregation **Food Pantry Shabbat** 6 p.m. Afternoon Service

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Harrow's Bat Mitzvah.
Vivian & Milton Finkel, in honor of David Malinsky's Bar Mitzvah.
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